

## **Economics 265: Agriculture and Economic Development**

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### **Course Description**

The goal of this course is to expose students to a variety of issues and techniques that could be explored further in the writing of a dissertation. The focus will be on economic development in general and issues related to the agricultural sectors in developing countries in particular. The course will adopt a quantitative approach to policy analysis. It seeks to provide students with an understanding of how to integrate microeconomic theory and econometrics in order to assess the welfare, efficiency, and effectiveness of alternative policies.

### **Course Requirements**

The grade for the course will be calculated as a weighted average of the following components:

1. A final paper related to a topic on the syllabus 40%  
The paper will be due on the last day of class.
2. A five page research proposal with a brief discussion of an area of literature, a suggestion for an original research question, and a proposal about how it could be carried out. 20%
3. A journal with 10 reaction pieces to readings on the syllabus 20%  
(One reaction piece will be due each week. These should have about one page of summary and one page of critical analysis for each reading.)
4. Presentations and class participation 20%

## Course Outline and Readings

### 1. Introduction

#### a) Quantitative Analysis of Development Policy

Sadoulet Elisabeth, and Alain de Janvry. 1995. *Quantitative Development Policy Analysis*, Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press. Read the preface and chapter 1.

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Emerging National Agendas for Agriculture's Three Worlds (Chapter 10, WDR 2008)

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